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MORE GERRYMANDRING.

By reason of the failure of the Thirty-first General Assemby to re-district the State into Senatorial districts, under the census of 1880, that duty devolved, under the constitution, upon the Governor, Attorney-General and Secretary of State, who met on Saturday and Monday, April 23d and 25th, and per-

First District .- The counties of Atchison, Holt and Nodaway, population is not less in round numbers than 59,665.

Second District .- Buchanan and Andrew, 66,142.

Numerous changes were also made in other districts, but the above two are the only ones in which the readers of THE COUNTY PAPER are specially interested. It will be seen that these two districts were gerrymandered in the interest of Democracy by taking the strongly Republican county of Andrew from the First District, thereby hoping to make the district Democratic, and placing that county with the strongly Democratic county of Buchanan where its Republican majority will be swallowed up and lost.

The Republicans of Andrew, as well as those of all the other counties of the old First District, will naturally feel indignant at this outrage; but they are powerless to prevent it and can only treasure it up in their remembrance as one more of the sins of Democracy.

THE STAR ROUTE FRAUDS. The latest sensation which agitates the country, now that the high waters have subsided, is the discovery of enormous frauds which have been perpetrated by a ring in the Postoffice Department of the government, whereby a few individuals have pocketed several no right.

The late Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. Brady, who was forced by the President to resign a few days ago, is made the scapegoat of the transactions; but it is asserted that the real moving spirit of the business is Ex-Senator Dorsey of Arkansas.

Referring to the matter, the New York Evening Post remarks that during the time when Mentor was the political centre of the Union, and when statesmen and politicians were making more or less mysterious pilgrimages to that Republican factions in that State. She pervices in "carrying Indiana" and press of Brazil.

doing other useful work for the party. He was not ambitious to be a Cabinet officer. He would be satisficed with the humble place of First or Second Assistant Postmaster-General, Perhaps the fact of Dorsey's inclination, if it was a fact, or the rumor of it, if it was nothing more, may be explained by recent revelations of the Postoffice Department. The investigations which have been going on under Postmaster-General James show that with the aid of Brady, a ring of politicians and plunderers has stolen some three millions of dollars from the United States by means of raised "star route" contracts. The method of this partibular fraud -which, morally, is not different from the method of "raising" a check or : bank note-is simple enough. For example, a contract for carrying a weekly mail between the town of A and the town of B would be awarded for a thousand dollars to the lowest bidder. Presently a sham petition would be presented to the department for the increase of the service, although there had been no increase in the number of letters to be carried. Thereupon Brady, under a strained authority of law, or under authority which never should have been given, would make a contract with one of his favorites, and without proposals or bids, for doing Letters for publication should reach us by the unecessarily increased work for ten thousand dollars; and the ring would T divide the money. This fraud was familiar, or ought to have been familiar, to the late Congress, which refused to break up the swindle and expose the swindlers. It was familiar or ought to have been familiar to the superior officers of Brady who kept him in the place of Second Assistant Postmaster-General long after attention had been directed to his irregular proceedingsproceedings so irregular as to raise a presumption of frand. "The amount known to have been pocketed by the formed the work with the following re- Stephen W. Dorsey gang," says the New York Times, "in excess of the amount called for by their original bids \$412,000. What percentage of this was transferred to Brady as his share of the spoils only Stephen W. Dorsey and his partners can tell." The ex-Senator's name does not appear upon the records of the fraud, but the names of his brother J. W. Dorsey, his brother-inlaw J. M. Peck and his partner J. R. Miner do appear there . It is further distinctly charged that the ex-Senator

Other members or ex-members of Congress are connected with this infamous story—Root of Arkansas, Maxey of Texas, Money of Mississippi, Blackburn of Kentucky, Ellis and Sypher of Louisiana, McKibben of California, and Delegate Elkins of New Mexico. While waiting for the explanation which it is to be hoped some of them will make, Ex-Senator Dorsey may be taken as millions of dollars to which they had type of the rascally ring, because he is the most conspicuous and there seems to be the least doubt of his complicity with the business. Dorsey may have something to say for himself, though it is not easy to guess.

shared in the plunder. There are

obvious reasons why S. W. Dorsey

might be willing to forego higher

honors and take a subordinate place in

the Postoffice Department. Once there

be might hope to continue the profita,

ble activitils of Brady, and he might

already consummated. Happily he

did not get the place, and happily at

the last moment President Garfield

reselved to appoint Mr. James Post

master-General.

Belva A. Lockwood, the Washington female lawyer, has applied for the Brazilian Mission in a letter of considerable length to the President. Mrs. Lockwood says that she is fitted for lately obscure Ohio village, it was says the understands French, has a given out that Mr. Stephen W. Dorsey smattering of Spanish, is familiar with would be content with a very modest the consular regulations, and is a perand meagre reward for his valuable sonal triend of the Emperor and Em-

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